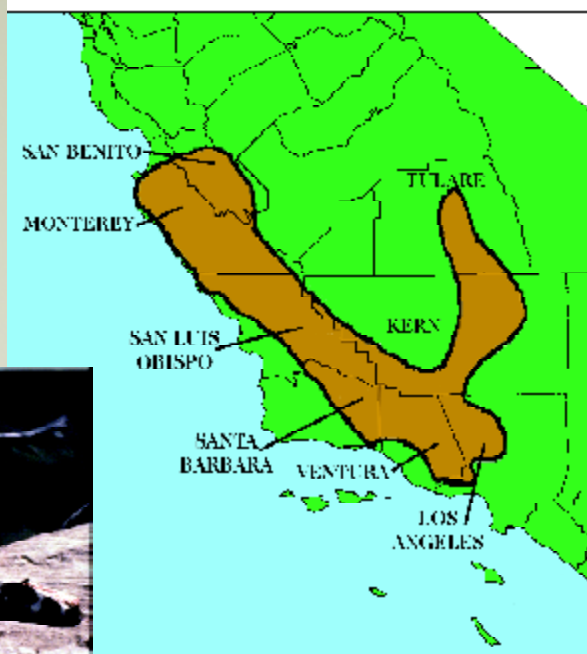


Do you hunt in condor range?

A diverse group of hunters, conservation groups, and wildlife conservation agencies is asking hunters for help with the California condor recovery effort. Following reports that lead ammunition is contributing to the high lead levels documented in some wild condors, the group is asking hunters in condor range ((parts of the counties of Tulare, Kern, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, and San Benito) to take the following steps:

- Remove bullets and surrounding impacted flesh when leaving carcasses or gut piles in the field, or
- Use lead-free ammunition, in which case none of the above is needed.

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- Retrieve all killed animals (including coyotes and small game) from the field, or
- Hide carcasses or gut piles by burying them, covering them with brush or rocks, or placing them in an inaccessible area, or



Condor landing to feed upon cattle carcass.

**COMING
SOON:**

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Hunting Elk and Pronghorn Antelope in California

The DFG is in the process of creating a new Web page for elk and antelope hunting in California. The page will contain zone maps indicating public/private land ownership, tag allotments and hunter success rates for previous years, and regulation summaries.

"Since elk and antelope hunting opportunities don't come along very often, people want to be sure they're applying for a hunt that will meet their expectations," says Jon Fischer, a DFG wildlife biologist and statewide coordinator of the elk and pronghorn antelope programs. "Our new Web site will help hunters determine their drawing odds, and will provide zone descriptions so they have a pretty good idea of what they're applying for."

For elk management and hunting information, visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/elk/index.htm>. For pronghorn antelope management and hunting information, visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/pronghorn/index.htm>. The new Web pages are scheduled to go online May 1.

Kasey Criss harvested this Rocky Mountain elk from the Northeastern California hunt zone. It reportedly scored 389-6/8, placing it in the Boone and Crockett Club's record book.



Mike Nardoni described his elk as having the majesty of Mt. Whitney and the regalness of a swan.